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DISASTER READY TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

CENTENNIAL, CO – A unique disaster preparedness skills training program designed for middle and high school students is scheduled for this summer in Aurora and Denver. Disaster READY Training provides students with an opportunity to learn and practice emergency readiness skills. The program is being delivered in a format that teaches a broad-range of safety skills with time devoted to practicing the newly acquired training in hands-on exercises and activities. In addition, the program gives students a chance to explore careers in emergency management, response, and preparedness from professionals working in a variety of areas and disciplines.

The middle school program is being offered on June 29, 2010 at Quest K-8 in Aurora, CO and the four day high school program is July 20 – 23, at the Denver Police Academy. Application materials are available at www.readycolorado.com/disasterREADYtraining. Space is limited and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is free and open to all middle and high school students throughout Colorado.

"Disaster Ready Training was created through a collaborative effort with local, state, and federal partners and volunteers working together to make Colorado's communities aware and ready for all types of natural disasters and acts of terrorism," said Cathy Prudhomme, Community Preparedness Manager with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. "The program is an opportunity to empower youth so they can make a positive impact in the lives of their families, neighborhoods, and schools during an emergency situation."

Disaster READY Training is sponsored by READYColorado, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, and the City and County of Denver, on behalf of the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative. Funding for the program is through a FEMA/U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant.

For more information and to register visit www.readycolorado.com/disasterREADYtraining.